

P. S. Can you tell me who the writer is, quoted by Mr
Thompson as saying in the Charleston S. C. Observer that
at least "one hundred thousand slaves in the state of S. C.
have never heard of the Plan of Salvation". Can you
furnish me with the whole article by that writer? This
testimony is of the greatest importance, and I want to
be able fully to substantiate its authenticity &

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to his declamation in the Mirror against Abolitionists
and the A. A. S. S. The good cause here requires
that I should avail myself of the present opportunity
~~in~~ to speak in its defense through the columns
of the Mirror, and I shall do it to the extent of
my means and ability. I desire this a sufficient
apology for the trouble I now give you. By the
way have you seen Pinckney's defense before his
constituents, in which he says that the abolition
excitement at the South is altogether a political af-
fair? If you can lay hands upon it let us have
it or copies extract from it in the ~~Advertiser~~ Emanci-
pator, for it must be a document of great interest
to us. Is Miss Grimké a Deacon, and if so, as
other wise, should I be likely to get important in-
formation from her, in regard to the malignant
condition of the slaves in S. C., and when can
a letter be addressed to her, and do you know
of any other persons, from whom I could get important in-
formation by writing in respect to the same subject by writing
to them?

We have not been altogether inactive in Maine, at least
I have not, and I hope by the end of another year
that we shall be able to make a full report of our
progress. Then better to. Remember as Editor that our
motto is "Light and Love" and when you find your-
self about to say a severe thing against those, who oppo-
site and count 100 at least before you let it off; give no
just occasion for any to say, see in what a bad spirit
these Abolitionists conduct their cause. Our friend Gar-
rison does ever work fully in this respect. Will truth
and God on our side we shall prevail; in return
therefore let us support our friends. Mrs P writes well
me in regards to Mrs P. Yours truly, Wm. Gray II
over

March 22^d 1834, from what you have made a copious extract in No 19 of the Emancipator. 4th The report of the Synod of S. Carolina ^{in 1830} on the state of religion, which you quote at the bottom of the first page of the same Emancipator (No 19), in which it is stated that not one fifth of the ministers within the bounds of that Synod sustain any pastoral relation,

It is of great importance to me that I should be able to read the whole of these documents myself in order that I may effectually gravely consider any perversions of them by Mr Bailey. The extracts which you made from the report of the Synod in 1834, I had not in my possession, when I wrote before, and I wish now to make them see to their full value, and they will be decisive as to the point in controversy. Still, however, it is important for me to see the whole document.

I have taken the liberty to request this assistance from you, because I can think of no other way, in which I can come at these documents. If you cannot furnish me copies to be kept by me, then let me have the loan of them, and I will return them to you again. Will you likewise keep an eye over what Mr B says, and furnish me with any other documents, which may be given up to me, especially any testimony in regard to the degree of infidelity which may be put in a profession of religion by slavery. Mr Bailey I think feels rather down under the influence which he has already received at my hands, and I am very desirous now to put a stop if possible

W^m Smyth
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Brother Phelps,

of looking over the mirror

If you have been in the habit as I presume you have, in order to see how things go on in main, you have doubtless noticed the letters of Rev R. W. Bailey, and my reply to him in part, about six months since. After an interval of six months, Mr B has now commenced a series of letters to me, as you will see on the last page of the two or three last mirrors, in which in a stream of sophistry and palpable perversion of my arguments, he is endeavoring to maintain the correctness of his own allegation, that the Resolution of the A. S. S. S., upon before last in reference to the moral condition of the Slave population asserts a palpable falsehood, and to do away with the ~~unquestioned~~ ^{unquestionable} inferences, which I had, as I think clearly established upon Southern testimony. I shall commence a reply, as soon after he gets through, as my ability to peruse documents and his will permit, and I expect if fair argument will do it, to put some of his positions ~~high~~ ⁱⁿ. But I am in want of documents, and ~~shall~~ must ask of you the favor to assist me, as I know of no other quarter from which I can obtain them, unless you can send them to me.

In the first place I want the Pamphlet of Mr Bailey of Georgia, proposing a plan for the religious instruction of Slaves, mentioned in the third no. I think, of the A. S. Quarterly. 2 the Address of W. B. Seabrook referred to in the same article. 3 The Report of the Synod of S. Carolinas and Ga.